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Treasure Valley Flood Exercise to be Held Next Week

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The first of a series of Treasure Valley flood disaster exercises is scheduled next week at IDWR headquarters in the Idaho Water Center in Boise. The exercises are designed is to improve government responses and preparedness for the next flood disaster.

"Government officials are concerned about the growing level of risk for major flood damage in the Treasure Valley and other river basins in Idaho," state floodplain coordinator Scott Van Hoff said. "Rapid growth and development has led to more homes, businesses, and public infrastructure being built in the path of floods that are sure to come."

The introductory meeting will focus on capabilities, responsibilities, and authority of each government agency or entity that may be involved in flood plain management, disaster response and recovery.

The meeting is open to the public.

When: Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Where: IDWR sixth floor conference center, Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front Street, Boise

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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